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**Programming and Allocations Committee
April 9, 2008
Minutes**

Vice-Chairperson Glover called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. Other Commissioners present were Commissioners Bates, Blanchard, Chu, Cortese, Dodd, Giacomini, Haggerty, Halsted, Kinsey, Lempert, Rubin, Sperring, Worth and Yeager.

Public Hearing

Vice-Chairperson Glover opened the public hearing noting the purpose of the hearing was to receive public comments on the Draft 2009 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the companion Air Quality Conformity Analysis that was released on March 28th.

Sri Srinivasan, Programming and Allocations, gave a brief overview of the Draft 2009 TIP and Air Quality Conformity Analysis, noting that a court reporter was present to transcribe the proceedings. She concluded by noting that a copy of the Draft 2009 TIP and Air Quality Conformity Analysis was mailed to all major libraries and is also available on the MTC website. Written comments will be accepted through May 1, 2008.

Jerry Grace commented on the need to lessen traffic on the highways and take public transit.

Vice-Chairperson Glover closed the public hearing at 10:10 a.m.

Consent Calendar

The Committee approved the following consent items:

- *Minutes of March 5, 2008 meeting as submitted.*
- *Revision to the FY 2007-08 State Transit Assistance (STA) Regional Discretionary Program. MTC Resolution No. 3813, Revised.*
- *Revisions to Short-Range Transit Plan Guidelines. MTC Resolution No. 3532, Revised.*
- *Revisions to the Lifeline Program of Projects. MTC Resolution No. 3788, Revised.*
- *Allocation of FY 2007-08 State Transit Assistance funds to BART and Santa Clara VTA for transit purposes. MTC Resolution No. 3811, Revised.*

The Committee received the following consent item:

- *Quarterly Report of Executive Director's Delegated Authority Actions.*

Federal Programming

- *Programming of FTA and AB 664 Funds for BART Railcar Replacement Project. MTC Resolution Nos. 3854, Revised, and 3855, Revised.*

The Committee approved the staff recommendation to refer MTC Resolution Nos. 3854, Revised, and 3855, Revised to the Commission for approval with no objection.

- *Revision to Third Cycle STP/CMAQ Program. MTC Resolution No. 3723, Revised*

The Committee approved the staff recommendation to refer MTC Resolution No. 3723, Revised to the Commission for approval, with no objection.

Craig Goldblatt, Programming and Allocations, gave a brief presentation on this revision to Third Cycle STP/CMAQ Program, a requested \$2.1 million that will fully fund and complete the first phase of the Vacaville Intermodal Station, which has a total project cost of \$11.5 million.

Commissioner Spering thanked MTC staff for looking at this project and understanding the importance it has to Solano County. He noted that Solano County is investing in express bus service, which has great potential. As the HOV system is developed, the Intermodal Station will be a critical element in the success of express bus service both into the Sacramento and San Francisco areas.

State Programming

- *Proposition 1B - Transit: FY 2007-08 Round 2 Allocation Requests for Population-based funds. MTC Resolution No. 3834, Revised.*

The Committee approved the staff recommendation to refer MTC Resolution No. 3834, Revised to the Commission for approval, with no objection.

Kenneth Folan, Programming and Allocations, presented this staff recommendation allocating \$5.1 million for three Lifeline projects in Alameda County:

- 1) \$2,000,000 – Ashby BART Station Elevator in conjunction with the Ed Roberts Campus
- 2) \$100,000 – Livermore Amador Valley Transportation Agency Bus Shelters
- 3) \$3,000,000 – AC Transit bus purchase.

Commissioner Scott Haggerty inquired about the \$3 million to AC Transit and how many buses will be purchased.

Kenneth noted that the bus purchase was part of a comprehensive purchase, but wasn't sure exactly how many.

Alix Bockelman, Programming and Allocations, commented that under this \$3 million, AC Transit can purchase anywhere from 6 – 8 buses, but it is part of a larger bus purchase that staff will provide more information on.

Regional Programming

- *Regional Measure 2 Capital Program Update*

Shruti Hari, Programming and Allocations, gave an informational semi-annual presentation update on the Regional Measure 2 Capital Program.

Commissioner Sperling inquired regarding the process for request for RM2 money to the Vallejo ferry, and if it would come from the San Francisco Bay Area Water Emergency Transportation Authority (WETA).

Steve Heminger, Executive Director, answered that yes, under the law, MTC allocates the money to WETA, and they distribute it to agencies.

- *Proposed allocation of \$34.0 million in RM2 Capital funds. MTC Resolution Nos. 3664, Revised, 3666, Revised and 3651, Revised*

The Committee approved the staff recommendation to refer MTC Resolution Nos. 3664, Revised, 3666, Revised and 3651, Revised to the Commission for approval, with no objection.

Shruti Hari, Programming and Allocations, provided the proposed allocation of \$34 million in RM2 Capital funds. MTC Resolution Nos. 3664, Revised, 3666, Revised and 3651, Revised.

- Ardenwood Park and Ride Lot (\$2.95 million)
- I-580 Eastbound HOV Lane Improvements (\$9.2 million).
- Transbay Transit Center/Downtown Caltrain Extension (\$21.8 million)

Jerry Grace inquired as to what TJPA stood for. (Transbay Joint Powers Authority)

- *California Transportation Commission (CTC) Report*

Alix Bockelman, Programming and Allocations, gave a report on the CTC and significant regional projects going before the CTC this month including the adoption of the Trade Corridor Program, including a recommendation for \$825 in freight related projects; and an allocation request for \$48 million in STIP and SHOPP dollars for the first part of the Sunol Grade HOV lane project. Alix reported changes in the CTC leadership, new chair John Chalker from San Diego and new vice-chair Bob Alvarado from Oakland. There are also 2 new commissioner appointments, Phillip Tagami appointed by Senator Perata, and Dario Frommer, appointed by Assemblyman Nunez.

Public Comment

Speaker Jerry Grace commented on his absence from the last meeting, and updated the Committee on his recent move.

Vice-Chair Glover adjourned the meeting at 10:35 a.m.